

The SYDERSTONE

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PLAY GROUND

Subject to a successful grant application, the Parish Council is minded to install 9 aside goals and nets in the Norman Way playground, which is what the kids have asked for.

All of the playground equipment installed in recent years has been funded by grants, mainly from the Jacks Lane Wind Farm fund, which is administered by the Norfolk Community Foundation (NCF).

However, we can only obtain grants in respect of land that we own and the playground is the only land owned by the Parish Council. Hence, we enjoy a well equipped playground, but are running out of space for much more equipment to be installed.

CREAKE ROAD FOOTPATH

Subject to a successful 50% grant application to Norfolk County Council, the Parish Council is minded to install a footpath along Creake Road.

It would start where the footpath along the side of the church meets Creake Road and run down the road to link up with the existing footpath at the iron farm gate, thus providing a safe off-road circular walk.

This is walk Number 1 on the large map on the outside wall of the village hall. This map may also be viewed and printed off at the following link: www.syderstone.com/walks.pdf

This would be our most ambitious footpath project to date and will complement the existing footpaths installed by the Parish Council along Tattersett Road, Mill Lane, Rudham Road and the existing path serving part of Creake Road.

These paths, often referred to as a TROD which is highways jargon for a trodden path, offer an important contribution to road safety.

VILLAGE FETE

The village fete is a biannual event, so there will be no fete this year, but there should be another super fete next year.

SPECIAL EXPENSES

A new item will appear on our Council Tax bills next month called Special Expenses. This is not a charge from the Parish Council, but a charge from the Borough Council in respect of cutting the grass at the junctions of Mill Lane & Norman Way and Norman Way & Heath Rise.

This is Borough Council grass on Borough Council land and has been cut and paid for by the Borough Council since Norman Way was built some 40 years ago.

As part of a cost savings exercise the Borough Council is passing on this cost to the parish, so it is not a saving at all ! The cost to the parish will be £126, which works at about 61p per year at Council Tax Band D.

DOG WASTE BINS

The Parish Council has been approached to consider the installation of dog waste bins on the common and footpath. It is anticipated that the initial cost would be met by public subscription. Thereafter the emptying cost would £234 per year, equivalent to £1.14 (2.6%) increase at Council Tax Band D. If you have any views for or against this proposal please email or write to the Parish Clerk, see address details overleaf.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, except August, in the village hall starting at 7:30pm. Meetings are open to the public and start with "parishioners time", when residents may raise local issues before the formal meeting starts. Agenda and minutes are available at:

www.syderstone.com/parish

YOGA CLASSES

Yoga classes are now held in the village hall on the last Sunday of the month between 2pm and 4pm, admission £12. For details please contact Tess Bickerstaff on 07729 195656.

PET PHOTO COMPETITION

For details of this year's pet photo competition in support of animal charities, check out:

www.syderstone.com/petphotos.pdf

HIGHWAY RANGERS

Norfolk County Council have a team of highway workers called the Highway Rangers who visit the parish every three months to undertake minor highways work, such as:

Side out a carriageway or footway
Clear mud and soil from the carriageway (non urgent)
Hand sweep carriageway or footway (the routine sweeping service will continue to be provided by the District Council)
Trim hedge to expose sign etc.
Soil and seed verge
Strim verge grass
Rod and flush drain
Clean out gully
Rod and flush kerb drainage offlet
Clear ditch
Clear grip
Wash sign, bollard or reflector post
Repair minor kerb defect
Repair minor footway surface defects

If you are aware of any such problems, please report them to the Parish Clerk who will add them to the list for next Highway Rangers visit.

For urgent highways work, e.g. pot holes, please go online and complete a highways report form at:

<https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/highwaysdefect/>

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCILLORS

CHAIRMAN, Reg Thompson	01485 578508
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Martin Bateman	01485 578124
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David Daly	01485 576222
Gerry Taylor	01485 578524
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Kings Lynn, PE31 6YB
ParishClerk@syderstone.com

www.syderstone.com/parish

News from St Mary's Church

Serving the communities of Blenheim
Park, Syderstone with Barmer and
Wicken Green

Regular Pattern of Sunday Services

1100 Morning Worship	1 st & 3 rd Sundays
1100 Parish Communion	2 nd , 4 th & 5 th Sundays
1800 Evensong (not March)	1 st Sunday

Special Services

Good Friday 14 April 10am

Student Cross Pilgrim Service, followed by Hot Cross Buns in the village hall. Come and share with the Student Pilgrims from 10:30am.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 8 April from 9:30am

Christian Aid Week "Big Brekkie" in South Creake village hall.

Monday 1 May from 10:00am

Archdeacon's Charge and picnic at Wolterton Hall. Serious & fun runs or walks, choose your distance. Sponsorship money raised goes to Air Ambulance and Church Funds equally. Bring and share picnic afterwards.

Friday 12 May 7:00pm

Bangers & Mash with Beetle Drive in Amy Robsart Hall.

Food Bank

St Mary's continues as the village drop off point for dried and tinned goods, which are passed to the Fakenham Food Bank on a monthly basis.

Church Wardens

Barrie Wells	01485 578280
Chris Lewis	01485 528555 / 07770 659527

Prayers

Please advise the Rector of anyone who is ill or in hospital and would like to be remembered in the regular prayers of the congregation. Baptisms and weddings are also by arrangement with the Rector.

<i>Fr Clive Wylie, Rector</i>	01328 823293
(rector.creakes@gmail.com)	07970 875052

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What's happening at the Hall ?

Coming Soon

Quiz Night

Saturday, 25th March – 7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m.

Old Syderstonians' Re-union – (see below)

Saturday, 8th April – 2.00p.m.

Syderstone Community Archive – (see below)

on display at Docking History Event - Ripper Hall

Sunday 30th April and Monday 1st May

Weekly

Post Office

Wednesday and Friday 9.00am to 12 noon

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 10.30a.m. to 12 noon

Art (& Craft) Group – (see next column)

Most Wednesdays 1.45p.m. to 4.15pm

Table Tennis

Most Fridays 4.30p.m. to 6.00p.m.

Also Ladies Keep Fit and Rainbows

Village History

Syderstone Community Archive:

We are looking at increasing our holding of more recent village information **1970's – present.**

If you have any memories, photographs or documents of family and/or village events which you are willing to be added to our collection please contact **Sheila Riches on 01485 578171** or e-mail sheilarriches@btinternet.com.

We can scan original photographs/documents and return them to you.

The archive, held within the Amy Robsart Hall is available to view by appointment by contacting.

Sheila Riches: as above.

Barrie Wells: 01485 578280

Chris Little: 01485 578270

You can view the inventory on www.syderstone.com

The archive will have a display at the Docking Local History event on Sun April 30th and Mon May 1st – come along, it will be a fascinating event featuring several local history groups.

23rd Old Syderstonians' Reunion

Saturday April 8th 2017 at 2pm

It's that time of the year again! Come along for a convivial afternoon of tea, chat and catching up with friends.

Everyone is welcome. If you have only been living in the village a short while, come and make new friends and learn more about your village.

If you have ever lived in Syderstone or have family contacts with the village also come along, you may learn more about your family history.

Don't forget to bring along any photographs which you need identifying, or you wish to be added to the archive. The Syderstone Community Archive will be available to view.

We look forward to seeing you all!

Art (& Craft) Group – Wednesday p.m.

A group, of mainly women, who get together to enjoy painting and drawing, sewing and embroidery etc. sharing experience, having a chat and a drink in a convivial atmosphere.

Why not come and join us – it's free to come and see what we do, then it's £10 for a 10 week term – tea and biscuits extra!

For more information contact **Linda Pearse**

01485 576393; email: lindapp@hotmail.co.uk

NEW CLUB

Air/CO2 Pistol Club

We now have the pistols, target holders and the targets. The timber for the target frames has arrived. Insurance quotes are coming in.

We hope that we'll soon be ready to run trials and start the club.

Contact Norman Riches if you've not expressed an interest but would like to have a go at this activity
normanrriches@btinternet.com / **01485 578171**

We will let you know when it's going to start.

VILLAGE HALL CINEMA

In association with Creative Arts East

All films start at 7.30p.m.

Saturday 18th March

A STREET CAT NAMED BOB (12A)

Based on the international bestseller. The true, **feel-good story** of how James Bowen, a busker and recovering drug addict, had his life transformed when he met a stray ginger cat. Starring Luke Treadaway and Joanne Froggatt.

Saturday 29th April

A UNITED KINGDOM (12A)

Based on a true story.

Prince Seretse Khama of Botswana causes an international stir when he proposes to a white woman from London in the late 1940s. Their marriage is challenged by the British and South African governments – South Africa has just introduced apartheid; Britain wants South African uranium!!!

And of course the families object too!

Starring David Oyelowo and Rosamund Pike

WATCH OUT FOR FUTURE FILMS

Tickets : £3.50 advance booking,

£4.00 on the door.

Contact: Sheila 01485 578 171 / Jan 578 244

Email: cinema@syderstone.com

ICES AND SOFT DRINKS ON SALE & RAFFLE

VACANCY for Co-opted Committee Member

Interested in helping with looking after the hall

Contact: Wendy Little 01485 578 270

Email: secretaryARVH@outlook.com

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